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1. Total strength of the Soviet garrison at Neuruppin (Z49) is estimated at 20,000 men. The city is occupied by an armored headquarters, an armored division (with one heavy and three medium-heavy tank regiments), an SU unit, a rifle regiment, a reconnaissance unit, an AT gun unit, plus supply and service troops.
2. All barracks - a total of forty building blocks - were repaired during the summer and are now fully occupied. The entire area is fenced in and exceptionally well guarded, with permanent MG posts at each corner and street patrols. The following are housed in the blocks indicated on the attached sketch, each block corresponding to ten buildings (numbers applied by source):
  - 1-3 : Headquarters, with communications section. In addition to a permanent radio station, four radio cars of American origin were seen. Two Soviet generals arrived on 5 November, one via a PO-2 plane.
  - 4-7 : Occupied by a tank regiment. Approximately fifty T-34's were counted.
  - 8-10 : Heavy tank regiment, equipped with JS-2's, of which twenty were seen.
  - 11-20: SU unit. The guns are parked in several large sheds, preventing precise count, but twelve SU-152 were observed.
  - 21-30: Reconnaissance unit and AT unit. Eight armored scout cars and a few 85-mm and 100-mm (type 44) guns were noticed. The guns were housed and the exact number on hand could not be determined.
  - 31-38: Motorized rifle regiment.
  - 39-40: Three bakeries, a small ammunition dump, and quartermaster stores.
3. It is estimated that the above units are equipped with approximately 400 vehicles (not described), all in the series E 1-06 and E 1-07. Also seen in Neuruppin were vehicles B 2-23, C 2-22, F 3-34, and F 9-65.
4. A large fuel dump is being installed approximately 150 meters northwest of buildings 39-40. In addition to underground tanks, approximately 1,000 barrels, each 200 liter capacity, were observed. Within one hour, twenty trucks delivered ten barrels each at this site.
5. A large rifle range and training field, also used for tank exercises, is

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situated between the Chaussee to Wittstock and the road to Altruppin. Troops were training with infantry and heavy weapons. Nearly all of them wore black tabs/red piping, armored insignia, and a small red star on their tabs. Roads to this area have been gutted by tank traffic.

6. The following are located at Neuruppin's southern exit, between the roads to Fehrbellin and Neustadt:

a. Two tank regiments occupy the two barracks formerly known as the Grossdeutschland Kaserne. Between them is a motor pool with repair shops. Sixty-five trucks and twenty tractors were counted in the motor pool, most of them in the C 8-86 series.

b. The former Neuruppiner Brewery, which has a railroad ramp, is being used as a depot for supplies, ammunition, and some fuel. During the observation period, a tank train from Czechoslovakia was unloaded. It consisted of twelve cars, each of 25,000 liter capacity. The fuel was drawn off into drums which were trucked to the dump behind the main barracks block (Paragraph 2 of this report). The ammunition dump contains a large number of small wooden boxes and is strongly guarded.

7. A tank repair shop is located near the Neuruppin Bahnhof on the road to Paulinenaue. Thirteen T-34/85 and four JS-2 tanks were observed, most of them with damaged treads.

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